

While We're in the Building...

- We share the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center (PWLC) buildings with other staff and the public. We will do our part to keep them clean.
- All students, teachers, and parent volunteers will wear ID badges. If you need help or have questions, find an adult wearing a badge or in a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uniform. Other visitors should not be disturbed.
- The elevator, storage rooms, Bluestem Store, offices, and dormitory are off-limits unless you have permission from Mr. Ellis or a PSC staff member and are accompanied by an adult.
- We will have fire and emergency drills so you will be prepared in case of an emergency.
- If you need to leave early, you must bring a written note to Mr. Ellis in advance and have your parent sign you out at the front desk in the Visitor Center. Since we're only here for a short time each day, please try to avoid having to leave early.

While We're in the Field...

- We will learn about prairies and wetlands. The more we read and know about them the more we will enjoy our time in the field.
- We will be prepared for the weather. Wear clothes that protect you from cold, heat, or rain. Wear sturdy shoes - not sandals or flip-flops.
- We will be prepared to get dirty. Wear clothes that can be washed easily.
- We will leave everything as we find it. This means we won't leave any litter behind, and we will do what we can to not disturb the plants and animals and their prairie wetland homes.
- We will talk quietly; this is our chance to listen to nature.
- We will walk carefully to protect plants, nesting birds, and other animals.
- We will limit our use of human-made markers and materials to keep the prairie looking natural.
- We will always use the restrooms at the PWLC, not in the field.
- If we eat in the field, we will carry out our trash and throw it away or recycle it at the PWLC.
- When we are not on the established trails, we will spread out when we walk so we don't create additional trails through the prairie.

Our Handhelds...

- We are each responsible for our own handheld, but they are school property. If you lose it or break it, it is your responsibility to pay to repair or replace it. We are each responsible for returning our handhelds in good condition at the end of the school year.
- We are each responsible for bringing our handhelds to the PWLC every day. You may leave your handheld at the PWLC or you may take it home. If you forget to bring it to the PWLC, you will miss out on what the rest of the class is doing.
- We are each responsible for keeping the battery charged at home.
- We will use our handhelds at school and home for educational purposes.
- We will follow the school district's rules for computer and handheld use.

Homework...

- We each have the responsibility to complete our homework and return it when it is due.
- We will put our best effort into our daily assignments and our research projects.

"Work, Respect, and Belong"

Work:

- We complete assignments when due.
- We try to do our best work.
- We follow directions on assignments.
- We start work right away.
- We keep our areas clean and folders organized.
- We are prepared for class.

Respect:

- We are polite to teacher and classmates.
- We are attentive.
- We are considerate of others.
- We are trustworthy and responsible.
- We keep a cheerful attitude.

Belong:

- We laugh together, never at each other.
- We care about each other.
- We care for our classroom and building.
- We work together.
- Our room is a safe, healthy place to be.

Weekly Consequences:

1. First Warning
2. Second Warning
3. Third Warning and Note to Parent
4. Note to Parent (blue slip) and after school detention
5. See Mr. Colbeck

Our Trail to Good Character

Prairie Science Class Students are:

- ❖ Respectful
- ❖ Responsible
- ❖ Controlled
- ❖ Punctual
- ❖ Reliable
- ❖ Creative
- ❖ Optimistic
- ❖ Self-motivated
- ❖ Persevering
- ❖ Thrifty
- ❖ Gracious
- ❖ Ambitious
- ❖ Courageous
- ❖ Resourceful
- ❖ Joyful
- ❖ Kind
- ❖ Patient
- ❖ Tolerant
- ❖ Honest
- ❖ Thankful
- ❖ Polite
- ❖ Considerate
- ❖ Generous
- ❖ Cheerful
- ❖ Loyal
- ❖ Sympathetic
- ❖ Patriotic
- ❖ Trustworthy
- ❖ Fair
- ❖ Cooperative



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